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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN PLANNING FOR TALKS WITH PRC

BEGIN SUMMARY: INDONESIA IS MAKING INTENSIVE STUDY OF ALL ASPECTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC, AND FOREIGN DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM US. END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL NURMATHIAS, DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR SECURITY AND COMMUNICATION IN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, TOLD ACTING DCM SEPTEMBER 28 THAT GOI HAS ESTABLISHED A COORDINATING BODY FOR THE CHINA PROBLEM AND IS BUSILY STUDYING ALL ASPECTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF A POSSIBLE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. THE COORDINATING BODY IS KNOWN AS THE BKMC (BADAN KOORDINASI MASALAH CINA - COORDINATING BODY FOR THE CHINA PROBLEM) AND IS HEADED BY MAJOR GENERAL SOENARSO, A BAKIN (INTELLIGENCE SERVICE) OFFICER AND FORMER INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO SINGAPORE. GENERAL

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NURMATHIAS, WHO UNTIL MAY 1973 WAS CHIEF OF ASIA AND

PACIFIC DIRECTORATE OF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT AND WHO PRESENTLY SUPERVISES MANY KEY RESEARCH AND POLICY PLANNING ACTIVITIES, REPRESENTS FOREIGN DEPARTMENT ON BKMC.

2. NURMATHIAS SAID BKMC IS A LARGE AND STILL SECRET INTER-DEPARTMENTAL UNDERTAKING WHICH INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY (HANKAM), FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EDUCATION AND CULTURE, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, FINANCE, JUSTICE, AND DIRECTORATES-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION, CUSTOMS, AND LEGAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. BKMC WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO KOPKAMTIB (COMMAND FOR THE RESTORATION OF ORDER AND SECURITY) AFTER IT HAS STUDIED EVERY CONCEIVABLE IMPLICATION OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC. ALTHOUGH MAIN EMPHASIS IS ON INDONESIAN DOMESTIC CONSEQUENCES OF NORMALIZATION, OTHER ASPECTS BEING CAREFULLY STUDIED INCLUDE FOREIGN POLICY, ECONOMIC, NATIONAL SECURITY, SOCIAL CULTURAL, LEGAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF NORMALIZATION. NURMATHIAS SAID THAT WHILE HE IS ONLY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM FOREIGN DEPARTMENT ON BKMC, HE OCCASIONALLY TAKES ALONG TO BKMC MEETINGS FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SPECIALISTS IN LEGAL, ECONOMIC, OR POLITICAL FIELDS. NURMATHIAS HIMSELF IS A CAREER MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

4. NURMATHIAS ASKED IF, ON BASIS OF RECENT USLO EXPERIENCE, WE COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH INFORMATION ON HOW OR WHETHER THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC PRACTICES IS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY PRC IN PEKING. SPECIFICALLY, HE WANTS TO KNOW IF THE VIENNA CONVENTION IS IMPLEMENTED FULLY OR ON A SELECTIVE OR BILATERAL BASIS. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TRAVEL REGULATIONS AND THE EXISTENCE OF FORBIDDEN ZONES AND WHETHER TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ARE APPLIED UNIFORMLY TO WHOLE DIPLOMATIC CORPS OR ON A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BASIS.

5. NURMATHIAS ALSO WISHES TO KNOW IF PRC RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS ARE PRESENTLY MORE OR LESS SEVERE THAN IN PERIOD PRECEDING CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

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6. NURMATHIAS SAID THAT PURPOSE OF BKMC DELIBERATIONS WAS TO ANTICIPATE EVERY CONCEIVABLE QUESTION THAT MIGHT COME UP WHENEVER PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH PRC COMMENCE. IN REPLY TO OUR QUESTION, NURMATHIAS SAID NO DATE HAD BEEN FIXED FOR BEGINNING OF SUCH TALKS AND INDONESIANS WERE SIMPLY DOING THEIR HOMEWORK VERY THOROUGHLY SO THAT THEY COULD GO INTO THE EVENTUAL TALKS WITH THEIR POSITIONS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES ALREADY WELL STAFFED OUT

WITHIN GOI. NURMATHIAS SAID HIS PERSONAL IMPRESSION
WAS THAT TALKS WILL NOT COMMENCE FOR SOME TIME, AND
HE NOTED ALL THE DELAYS GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA HAD
ENCOUNTERED IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, USLO PEKING OR CONGEN HONG
KONG CAN SUPPLY IN RESPONSE TO NURMATHIAS REQUEST.
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